

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 215042

61

ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY NEA:ARDAY:TH:CF

APPROVED BY NEA:ADUBS

S: COVEY

S/S: PSEBASTIAN

----- 045740

O 302343Z AUG 76 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA NIACIT IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 215042

NODIS

FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, US, SA

SUBJECT: SIDEWINDERS AND MAVERICKS

REF: JIDDA 5853

1. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATED YOUR PROMPT EXPRESSION OF
VIEW ON THE PROBLEMS WE WOULD FACE WITH THE SAUDIS IN
CUTTING BACK THE SIDEWINDER AND MAVERICK SALES. WE ARE
STILL UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM THE HILL ON THESE LOA'S,
AND THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE YOUR JUDGMENT ON TWO POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION:

-- REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIDEWINDERS TO 900 AND THE NUMBER
OF MAVERICKS TO 1,000, ALTHOUGH IN THE CASE OF THE
MAVERICKS WE MIGHT HAVE TO DROP BACK TO 900 AS WELL;

-- HOLD TO 1,000 SIDEWINDERS BUT POSTPONE THE MAVERICK
SALE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 215042

2. WHICH OF THESE DO YOU THINK WOULD CAUSE US THE LEAST

PROBLEM WITH THE SAUDIS, HAVING IN MIND THAT WE COULD EXPLAIN THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAVERICK SALE TO THE SAUDIS BY SAYING THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING ARE DUE TO ELECTION POLITICS, WHICH WOULD NOT BE A FACTOR AT THE TIME WE WOULD SUBMIT THE SALE NEXT YEAR?

3. THE SECRETARY'S OWN PERSONAL REACTION IS THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THE SAUDIS THE REDUCED NUMBERS OF EACH WEAPON SINCE TO DROP THE MAVERICK SALE COMPLETELY AT THIS POINT MIGHT ESTABLISH AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT VISA-VIS THE HILL. HE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THE REACTIONS AT THAT END, HOWEVER, AND WE WILL NEED THEM BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TUESDAY, AUGUST 31. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE STILL NOT APPROACH THE SAUDIS ON THE MATTER. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSTRUCTIONS, PERSONAL OPINION, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, MILITARY SALES, SIDEWINDER, MAVERICK, US CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, CAT -B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE215042
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ARDAY:TH:CF
Enclosure: FOR AMBASSADOR
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: P850071-2593
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976085/aaaaaejn.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 76 JIDDA 5853
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 JUN 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <02 NOV 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SIDEWINNERS AND MAVERICKS
TAGS: PFOR, PREL, MASS, SA, US
To: JIDDA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006